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1. Quays in the harbor at Novorossisk.

a. There is a new stone jetty on the western side of the harbor. In June it was piled high with timber.

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b. Wharf No. 5: This is in good repair and is used as an oil wharf by tankers. Passenger boats also berth there. The tankers observed there were one and two thousand tons. The one passenger ship observed there was about 450-500 feet in length.

c. Wharf No. 4: This short quay is not in use and is covered with scrap iron.

d. Wharf No. 3: Used for loading grain. No railway line on quay. Grain conveyed on belts one and a half miles from silo. The belts are enclosed in concrete and are about 12 feet above ground. There are three chutes for loading, one good, one bad, and one out of order. There is a gate about halfway up the quay where all shore passes are examined. Grain ships lie alongside the wharf at the points where the chutes are located. The wharf is in fair condition but bulges on the west side.

e. Wharf No. 2: There is a small corrugated iron building on the end of the wharf. Motor boats come alongside.

f. Wharf No. 1: Damaged. Not in use.

g. Standard Oiling Pier: Demolished. Few concrete pillars appear above water.

h. Passenger Pier: Demolished. Few wooden pillars appear above water.

2. New Ships: There are six new slips on the west side of harbor. These cannot take anything larger than barges or small tugs.3. Slips for M/Ls and MTBs: On the east side of the harbor the basin nearest the town has been fitted with slips for M/Ls and MTBs. About 24 of the latter types were seen, also several very flat German landing craft.

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4. Coasting Mole: The coasting mole is a heap of rubble.
5. Cranes: There are eight jibbing cranes on the large quay on the eastern side of the harbor. These are probably electric and can lift approximately ten to twelve tons. The quay appeared to be in good condition.
6. Water: Water is available on Wharf No. 3, but the pumps work very slowly, and ships must supply their own hoses.
7. Roads: The road leading from the harbor into the town is in very bad condition, full of potholes and loose cobbles. The stone bridge [] is intact. 50X1-HUM
8. Cold Storage Plant: The cold storage plant has now been restored and is working.
9. Cement Works: The old German cement works [] is completely wrecked. The other cement works, approximately one mile southwest of the old one, is working. 50X1-HUM
10. Town of Novorossisk: The town itself is very badly damaged and no reconstruction work was observed. Such shops as are open appear to be empty.
11. Grain Loading Facilities: Grain loading (Wharf No. 3) is slow. It took 58 hours to load 2362 tons. All the trimming is done by girls.

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